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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** SJones@mwlaw.com  
**Cc:** jwarren@pcssd.org  
**Subject:** Re: status conference

I understand that we are to meet at 2:00 p.m.??

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**From:** Sam Jones <SJones@mwlaw.com>  
**To:** John W Walker <johnwalkeratty@aol.com>  
**Cc:** jwarren <jwarren@pcssd.org>  
**Sent:** Fri, Sep 1, 2017 3:57 pm  
**Subject:** status conference

Dr. warren and I would still like to meet with you Tuesday. Sam

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**From:** JANICE WARREN on behalf of JANICE WARREN <jwarren@pcssd.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 6:35 PM  
**To:** ALICIA GILLEN  
**Subject:** Re: PCSSD - Attached is the new draft of the Supplemental Status Report

Filed at 6 this evening. You got it when I received. I saw draft this morning and got this one about 3.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2017, at 6:18 PM, ALICIA GILLEN <agillen@pcssd.org> wrote:

Has this been filed?

It says draft on the subject line but has an electronic file date in the body of the document. Has anyone on the board seen this before today?

On Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 3:10 PM JANICE WARREN <jwarren@pcssd.org> wrote:

Board

Please read the attached. Sam and I met this morning trying to finalize our report to Judge Marshall. While many questions are still unanswered our goal is to be transparent. There is still much to be discovered but after 3 meetings with WD&D and Baldwin and Shell, I am hopeful the Mills project will get on track and meet court requirements. Call me if you have questions.  
Janice

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sam Jones <SJones@mwlaw.com>  
**Date:** September 5, 2017 at 2:23:47 PM CDT  
**To:** "jwarren@pcssd.org" <jwarren@pcssd.org>  
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**From:** GILLEN, ALICIA on behalf of GILLEN, ALICIA <agillen@pcssd.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** ROUSH, DEBORAH  
**CC:** BOARD MEMBERS; WARREN JANICE  
**Subject:** Re: Statement for press

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